

COVID-19 GUIDELINES UPDATE

It has once again been quite a year and I understand that we are all feeling the added pressures of mandatory safety measures in place to protect us all. For us at school, while most guidelines remain unchanged, I have received some communications from home in the last two weeks to express frustration around the requirement for mandatory double vaccination for parents to be able to participate in our Year 6 Graduation Informal.

I expect that most families will also be very disappointed to hear that we are not allowed to have parents, regardless of vaccination status, on site here at school for our upcoming Presentation Day Assembly. I have sent an email to the NSW Government Covid Taskforce to express community disappointment to seek clarification around these two matters but am still awaiting a response. I will make sure community receives the responses to this messaging as soon as it comes to hand.

Please note that it is now mandatory for ALL school visitors and staff on site at school to be fully vaccinated. All visitors to our school must report to the school office to sign in and show their vaccination certificates before moving beyond the office area. We are trying to adhere to requirements around physical distancing, good hygiene practices, and maximising ventilation across our school. We will commence placing students into K-2 and 3-6 cohorts for play time from next Monday. And we will need to update our routines and structures as required according to updated Covid-19 guidelines.

IMPORTANT DATES

The end of term is approaching fast, with only 3 school weeks left. The final day for students is Thursday 16 December.

Gold Party Day: Monday 6 December, 2021.

Year 6 Fun Day: Wednesday 8 December, 2021.

Year 6 Graduation Informal: Monday 13 December, 2021.

Class Party Day: Wednesday 15 December, 2021.

2022: The first day back for students Years 1-6 is **Tuesday 1 February, 2022.**

2022: New Kindergarten students start on **Monday 7 February, 2022.**

Thank you

Jeff Robinson
Principal



The Great Book Swap

On the 17 of November, our year 5/6 E class hosted The Great Book Swap. This event raises money to purchase books for remote Indigenous communities around Australia. This is the second year Bilambil Public School has hosted this fantastic event, and once again, it was a huge success! During the day older students read books to the younger students, it was great to see everyone so excited about reading.

We would like to give a special thanks to all the students, teachers and families who donated books for this event, it would not have been possible without your generous donations.

It was great to see so many students and teachers getting involved on the day, having fun and enjoying the books. We look forward to doing it all again next year!

\$750 was raised.

Reporter: Olivia 5/6E

Photographers: Tully and Ava 5/6E





STUDENT OF THE WEEK

Term 4 Week 6 & 7

KB	Makayla	- Great work with her reading.
KK	Harpa Will	- Her fantastic effort in reading groups. - For his excellent problem solving skills in maths.
KT	Linden Charli	- Trying hard in reading. - Persevering with challenging tasks.
1/2C	Cash Kaden	- Always showing commitment to doing his best. - Brilliant effort in all areas of learning.
1/2H	Elka Hugh	- Being a supportive friend in the classroom. - Excellent work in science.
1/2P	Braxon	- "tech" wizz of the class.
1/2T	Samara Jack	- A positive attitude to her learning. - Making a great start at Bilambil Public School.
2/3B	Brody Madeline	- Mature approach to his learning enthusiasm. - A great speech presentation.
3/4S	Zavier Lily	- Outstanding poem writing. - Welcome to Bilambil Public School.
3/4T	Oliver Georgia	- Improved engagement and working hard in all areas. - Being a mature and responsible student.
4/5B	Mason Riley	- Fantastic problem solving in maths. - His maturity and effort participating in activities at the high school.
5/6B	Cody Seth	- Perseverance to produce and a witty speech. - Brilliant effort with speech writing and presentation.
5/6E	Lewis Lili Cooper	- Wonderful effort and improvement with his reading. - For sharing leadership during Great Book Swap Fundraiser. - For sharing leadership during Great Book Swap Fundraiser.
Music	Bella	- Always trying her hardest in music and drama and helping others.

BRONZE AWARD

Term 4 Week 6 & 7

KB	Thea, Raffy, Jasper, Kalani
5/6B	Aleigha

SILVER AWARD

Term 4 Week 6 & 7

KT	Linden, Aiesha
1/2P	Grant, Lydtaka, Andre
2/3B	Lyla, Oscar, Mitchell, Nate, Jasmine
3/4S	Lola, Katie
3/4T	Levi, Ava, Georgia
4/5B	Riley, Caleb, Hudson
5/6B	Michael, Jarvis, Ruby
5/6E	Elyana, Dempsey, Noah, Ava

GOLD AWARD

Term 4 Week 6 & 7

KB	Leonard, Raffy, Kalani, Jasper, Thea
KK	Bella, Amelia, Aysha, Emily, London
KT	Viv, Spencer, Nimrit, Kayley, Indiana,
1/2C	Grace
1/2P	Penny, Hannah
1/2T	Jagger, Lily, Branden, Reece
2/3B	Brody, Brax, Jimi, Jake, Madeline, Aileen, Emmett, Ben
3/4S	Blaze, Jonathan, Summer, Phoenix, Olivia, Layla, Ruby, Lola, Lily, Charlotte, Xavier
3/4T	Marli, Eden, Mariah, Billie, Jack, Olivia,
4/5B	Laylah, Gypsy
5/6E	Zy, Zali, Olivia, Joel, Destiny, Cohen, Amy

YEAR 4 FUN DAY 2021

Is on Monday 29 November. Year 4 is looking forward to a wonderful day at the Regent Cinema to view the movie Cool Runnings. They will be then enjoying some time at Tweed Regional Aquatic Centre (TRAC). A reminder that students may bring a maximum of \$5.00 to spend at the pool canteen.



Mango Trays Here Soon!

We love mangos and it seems you do too! Thanks to your support we sold 168 mango trays, resulting in a profit of more than \$900 which all goes back to benefit our school. We've been told to expect the trays to arrive sometime in the week beginning December 6. .



Bilambil Community Hall at the round-a-bout will be the collection point. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for exact details around the day and collection time.

Uniform Shop Extended Hours 2022

The school uniform shop will be opening extended hours in the lead up to school starting back next year.

Monday 31 January 2022 (Pupil Free Day)	8.30am – 1.30pm
Tuesday 1 February 2022 (Year 1-6 first day back)	8.30am – 1.30pm
Wednesday 2 February 2022	8.30am – 10.30am
Thursday 3 February 2022	8.30am – 10.30am
Friday 4 February 2022	8.30am – 10.30am



Remember, you can always order online at www.bilambilpc.org/uniforms and we'll have your uniforms packaged and ready for collection on any of the above times, or we can send them home with your child. If the sizes aren't quite right when you get them home we're happy to exchange.

We'll be open for the rest of 2021 on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays at our regular time of 8.30-9am. You'll find us in the canteen but don't forget to sign in via the front office first.

School Banking Program To Close

Tuesday December 7 is the final day – ever – you'll be able to make deposits through the School Banking Program.

The NSW Education Minister has decided to no longer make this program available through schools.

Thank you to those who have supported this program over the years, especially our banking volunteers who have made this available to us. Banking will continue at school for two more weeks. Children's bank accounts will remain open and you can continue to make deposits into your YouthSaver account through online transfer or at any branch of the Commonwealth Bank. For further information phone the bank on 132 221.



We've Switched to Sushi Thursdays

The canteen has been struggling to get enough volunteers to meet the demand from our hungry hordes! Unfortunately this means our birthday cupcakes and other special days won't be available until next year.

Sushi is no longer being offered on Mondays but you can now get it on Thursdays instead! A big thank you to our Year 6 students who have been helping out in the canteen during recess and lunch. You're doing a fantastic job.



If you know anyone who might like to help out in our canteen in 2022 please call the school and ask to be put through to the canteen, or send us a message via the P&C Facebook page.

